1	2	3	4
3.	Bihar	15698	6972
4.	Delhi	188244	92136
5.	Gujarat	17399	3328
6.	Haryana	12889	5462
7.	Himachal Pradesh	39386	18078
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	6410	3352
9.	Karnataka	10289	3667
10.	Kerala	10593	496
11.	Madhya Pradesh	13491	5038
12.	Maharashtra	20072	4386
13.	North East	6077	2233
14.	Orissa	6711	3611
15.	Punjab	12683	4223
16.	Rajasthan	12515	3577
17.	Tamil Nadu	7972	3757
18.	Uttar Pradesh	13269	6209
19.	West Bengal	16637	6456

Sambalpur-Talcher Rail Line

3021.SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the progress made in Sambalpur-Talcher rail line so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : Talcher to Angul (18 kms.) and Sambalpur to Maneswar (16 kms.) sections have already been commissioned. The overall progress in 77%. The work is expected to be completed during 1997-98.

Electrification of Erode to Ernakulam Rail Route

3022. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to Electrify railway routes from Erode to Eranakulam Junction;

(b) if so, the total estimated cost and total distance in kilometre thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total estimated cost of electrification of Erode-Ernakulam section is Rs. 150.97 crores and total distance is 324 route kilometres.

(c) The section is targetted for completion by March' 2000.

Delhi Telephone Directory

3023. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for inordinate delay in releasing the Delhi Telephone Directory and when it is likely to be issued to the public;

(b) whether it is a fact that telephone number of local telephone services are not at all available when required;

(c) whether the telephone numbers of various area Officers, right from the G.M are not available during office hours; and

(d) if so, the efforts proposed to be made to improve the efficiency of MTN Limited?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) After supply of 1994 issue of Directory, the Contractor failed to supply the subsequent issues. The contract has therefore to be cancelled and fresh tenders where floated in 1996. A single offer received was not found viable after avaluation. Therefore the tenders were floated again which have been opened on 4.3.97 and are under evaluation. The directory will be supplied within 6 to 9 months of finalisation of tender.

(b) No, Sir. The Directory enquiry service (No.197) is available round the clock.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Officers are available during office hours except when they go out for field visits, meetings and ispections. In their absence, their personal staff attached to these officers attend the telephone calls.

Sickness of Neelachal -Ashok Hotel

3024. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hotel Neelachal-Ashok, Puri has fallen sick;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to rescue the Hotel from sickness; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and

(b) The Neelachal Ashok Hotel is a joint venture between India Tourism Development Corporation and Orissa Tourism Development Corporation in the ratio of 51:49 respectively.

The hotel has been incurring losses since inception. The reasons attributed to the unsatisfactory performance *inter-alia* are: severe competition from private sector hotels; low occupancy; heavy incidence of interest burden and non-contribution of additional funds by Co-promoter required for improvement and repayment of loan.

(c) and (d) In order to improve the performance of the hotel ITDC has signed a supplementary promoters agreement with the co-promoter i.e OTDC whereby OTDC will of load 38% of its share holding and thus ITDC will hold 89% of equity capital, This will enable ITDC to take complete control of the management and make further investment for improvement and upgradation of the property.

[Translation]

TV Transmitters/AIR Stations, Bihar

3025. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV :
SHRI THOMAS HANSDA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up LPT in Bihar particularly in District Purnia;

(b) if so, the details thereof location-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received from Bihar for setting up, expansion and upgradation of TV transmitters/ AIR stations during the Eighth Five Year Plan, year-wise, location-wise;

(d) the details of the proposals cleared so far, location-wise and the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(e) the time which the remaining proposals are likely to be cleared alongwith expenditure likely to be incurred thereon in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Details of Doordarshan service in Bihar is given in the enclosed Statement-I. However, there is no approved scheme to set up LPT in Purnia district as the entire Purnia district lies in the coverage range of HPT, Katihar.

(d) and (e) Statement-II is enclosed.

Statement - I

TV Projects as on 31.01.97

State	Under Implemention	Approx. Cap. cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Proposed (scheme to be sanctioned)
BIHAR			
PPC			
	Ranchi (Aug.)	921.79	
			HPT
			Motihari
			Jamshedpur
			Deoghar
LPT			LPT
	Noamundy	100.70	Gasba Rosera
	Kodarma	100.70	Bodh Gaya
	Saraikela	100.70	Jhumri Tilaiya
	Lakhisarai	105.00	
	Ramnagar	105.00	
	Chatra	97.00	
	Doudnagar	105.00	
	Simri Bakhtiarpur	97.00	
	Mushabani	97.00	
	Barharwa	105.00	
	Sikandra	97.00	
VLPT			
	Simdega	77.65	
	Garhwa	83.00	

Statement - II

Requests are received from various quarters, including the State Governments, for augmentation of TV/Radio service in the States. Such requests are kept in view, alongwith other factors such as technical suitability of location, availability of infrastructural facilities, extent of resultant converage and *inter-se* priorities, while finalising locations for projects which is a continuous activity. The names and locations of the projects commissioned upto January, 1997 and under implementation in Bihar during the 8th Five Year Plan and the capital costs involved on them are given in the Annexure. The lead time for various transmitters/ studio projects varies from one to four years after the sanction of the project. This is a continuous process and it is the endeavour of the Doordarshan and All India Radio to complete the projects as expeditiously as possible.

Annexure

Doordarshan and All India Radio projects commissioned and under implementation in Bihar during VIII Plan

Projects Commissioned		Capital Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
All India Radio		
1.	Patna Station - 3 KW FM Tr. (VB)	143.32
2.	Purnea Station - 6 KW FM Tr.	292.00